GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EXTENSION OF SABARI RAIL TO TRTVANDRUM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any request for extension of the Sabari Rail to Trivandrum via Punalur and Nadumangad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Survey for construction of new line from Erumeli to Trivandrum via Punalur & Nedumangad has been taken up and completed in October, 2005. As per the survey report, cost of construction of 136 kms long new line has been assessed as Rs. 698.48 crore with a rate ofreturnof (-) 1.514%. Survey for new line from Sabarimala to Chengantmr has been included in t`he Budget 2006-07.

(e): No time frame in this regard has been fixed.